

House Resolution No.

Whereas, from March 9 to March 14, 2004, the National Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Committee will hold a series of educational meetings and displays to make up its long-awaited Three Flags Festival at St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, the National Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Committee is a coalition of major Saint Louis area public and private organizations which include the city of Saint Louis, Saint Louis County, Saint Clair County, Illinois, the Missouri Historical Society, the Osage Nation, Les Amis, the National Park Service's Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, the World's Fair Foundation, and the Downtown Saint Louis Partnership, and such private and public citizens as United States Senators Christopher Bond and Jim Talent and United States Representative Richard Gephardt; and

Whereas, the Three Flags Festival consists of an opening News Conference; such Symposia and Tours as a Scholarly Symposium, Osage Women: Roles, Health & Environment, Creole Corridor Tour, Tent of Many Voices, American Indian Diplomacy Symposium, and Discovery Saturday: Women of the Expedition; Exhibits, including Lewis & Clark: The National Bicentennial Exhibition, Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future, ArtCorps Earth Sculpture, Flora Collected by Lewis and Clark, State and Federal Exhibits, Mercantile Library Map and Fur Trade Exhibits, Original Documents from the National Archives, Lewis and Clark: Imagining the Expedition from Saint Louis, and an Osage Art Exhibit; Drums Along the River & Symposia; a Bicentennial Ball; special Religious Services; and Closing Ceremonies; and

Whereas, signed on April 30, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase treaty cost a young United States of America \$15 million dollars, or two cents per acre, and doubled the size of the country through the addition of land which would become all or parts of the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Minnesota, and Colorado:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the culminating labors of the National Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Committee and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they conduct the "National Signature Event" known as the Three Flags Festival; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the National Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Committee of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Russ Carnahan
District No. 59

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker